

# Environmental Education



Through environmental education, people gain an understanding of how individual actions affect the environment, acquire skills to weigh various sides of issues, and become better equipped to make informed decisions.

# Overview of EE Grants 2008

- EPA awards grants each year based on funding. Annual funding for the program ranges between \$2 and \$3 million. The deadline for applying for a 2008 environmental education grant is **December 20, 2007**.
- **70** grants are estimated, subject to the funding and application quality. Most grants will be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range.
- Applicants must provide non-federal matching funds of at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

# EPA's current educational priorities are for projects that:

- build state capacity to deliver environmental education programs
- use EE to advance state education reform goals
- improve teaching skills
- educate the public through community-based organizations
- educate teachers, health professionals, community leaders, and the public about human health threats from pollution, especially as it affects children
- promote environmental careers

# Eligible Organizations

- local education agency
- state education or environmental agency
- college or university
- not-for-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- noncommercial educational broadcasting entity
- tribal education agency (which includes schools and community colleges controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation)
- The primary applicant must be based in the U.S.; partner organizations and project activities may be located in Canada or Mexico

# For more information

Additional information about the EE grant program is available online at:

[www.epa.gov/enviroed](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed)

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